



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 021565-075

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Frank MEULEWAETER et al) Group Art Unit: 1635
Application No.: 09/551,494) Examiner: J. Epps
Filed: April 18, 2000)
For: METHOD AND MEANS FOR)
DELIVERING INHIBITORY RNA TO)
PLANTS AND APPLICATIONS)
THEREOF)

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is _____.
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.

[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
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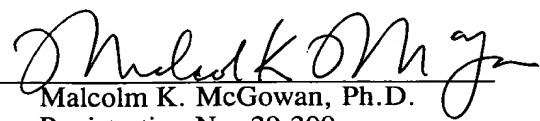
[] A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed Dec 14, 2001, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-31, 33, 35 to 37, 44, 46 to 48, 53 and 54 without prejudice to or
disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Please replace claims 32, 34, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 49, and 50 with the amended claims
shown below.

32. (Amended) A method for silencing endogenous genes by the introduction of
inhibitory RNA in the cytoplasm of plant cells, said method comprising:

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